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Sir:

This communication is in response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" having a mailing date of February 24, 2006 and a one month shortened statutory period for response that expires on March 24, 2006.

Corrected "Amendments to the Claims" are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.